

German Philately Fascinating

Brazil Produces Isabella Airmail

One of the best looking stamps from Brazil in a number of months is the 3.80Cr airmail produced to mark the 500th anniversary of the Birth of Isabella the Catholic of Spain.



The queen is portrayed in a half length portrait in her royal garments. Colors are light blue and dark blue.

According to Manoel F. da Motta of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, the new stamp printing press purchased from a Swiss firm will not begin printing stamps until late May at the earliest.

Added Values To Australian Series

Additions to the regular postage series of Australia were made on March 20 with the release of two stamps in denominations of 1/0½d and 2/6d respectively. These were brought on by increased postage fees.



King George VI in a medallion portrait appears on the 1/0½ dark gray, while for the 2/6 chocolate the "Aborigine" design, previously used, appears.

The stamps come 120 to the sheet, are printed on watermark paper and are perforated 14½.

Vatican Post Office Issues Provisional

According to Vittorio Lo Bianco of New York City Vatican City surcharged an existing stamp with a new value.

It is the 13 Lire denomination of the Basilica set (Scott #126) in a green color which pictures the Basilica of the Holy Cross in Jerusalem. It has been revalued to 12L with a surcharge in red ink.



"WHAT STAMPS MEAN TO A HANDICAPPED CHILD" is the title for which contestants had to write an essay in the annual essay contest sponsored by the New York Philanthropic League for handicapped children of greater New York City. Among the prizes presented to the winners shown above by John J. Britt, well known collector were stamps, albums, catalogs and accessories. With Mr. Britt reading from left to right are, Arthur Gelber, Francine Flanagan, Kathleen Corcoran, Freddie Fingerman and Martin Dense.

German Stamp Catalogs Are Excellent Handbooks

by Ben Parnell

Considering the generally exceptional quality of European philatelic catalogs, it is surprising how little they are known and appreciated in our good old U.S.A. Of course, this lack of appreciation is probably due to the problem presented by the so-called "language barrier", a barrier which however, is by no means so insurmountable as to preclude the use of German catalogs by those who know only the English language. Publisher Erich Haide of Balje ueber Stade, Germany, has, for instance, published the most practical and usable German-English philatelic dictionary that it has been our pleasure to see.

Not only does it overcome the layman's chief difficulty in regard to translating the German language, that is, the Germanic practice of compounding two to a dozen words into one word only, but also this dictionary is unbelievably complete in regard to the philatelic terms included therein. Herr Haide has done a great service to English-speaking collectors in preparing such a dictionary. It is priced very moderately too.

Turning now to the subject of catalogs, we may first say that in probably no other country in the world is there such a multitude of catalog publishers as in Germany. Their number is legion, yet all this competition apparently serves only to increase the quality of their products, as each publisher and compiler increases his efforts to outdo the others.

A comprehensive listing of German catalogs would include the following well known (in Germany, at least) works, a number of which are published annually: Michel, Kricheldorf, Senf, Hindrichs, Borek, Wrona-Goecks, Muller, Oetken-Hahle, Kuzl, Ascher-Junker (which is the chief compilation of German postal stationery) and Beckhaus.

Probably the best known and most used German catalogs are those published under the names of Michel Senf, and Kricheldorf. Michel publishes three works: (1) a highly-specialized catalog devoted entirely to German postal

issues, including all German States, Colonies, Occupationals, Protectorates, Plebiscites, etc., (2) a specialized catalog of European postal issues, chiefly those of Continental Europe, but also including issues of some European dependencies lying outside the continental boundaries, and (3) a two-volume world or "overseas" (Ueber-See) catalog, which lists the issues of the entire world including Germany.

Senf's catalogs have usually compared favorably with those of Michel, although our personal preference has always been Michel. Kricheldorf offers more detailed information than either Michel or Senf, as a whole, although his catalog does not by any means contain everything available in either Michel or in Senf. Nor have his catalogs been published as regularly as Michel's.

Now let us consider some of the differences and advantages of European catalogs as compared with the Scott catalog, which is a catalog well known and liked by most U. S. collectors. One of the most-appreciated qualities of the better German catalogs, including Michel, Kricheldorf and Senf, is the fact that they usually include not only the year of issue but also the month and day on which the respective stamps were released.

If, as in case of many of Germany's regular postage issues, there was no First Day of Issue, then the catalog usually mentions (Continued on page 11)

Germany Philatelic Society Sponsors Current Edition; Country Has Many Devotees

by Fred A. Gubler

Possibly no other single country has evoked the widespread interest of collectors in various fields of the realm of philately than Germany—Empire and Republic. It is indeed a land of history and a focal point in two World Wars, from whose ashes the dove of peace may fly the world. The dove of peace may well find its haven through the fraternity of the stamp collectors throughout the world.

A very literate nation, one finds rarely a household in that country, in which stamps as a collecting activity has not had its home. Germany literally is a nation of stamp collectors, and the very interest of these collectors in all kinds of stamps has eagerly led them to exchange and correspondence with stamp collectors all over the world.

The American collectors have been quick to recognize the historical interest in the stamps of Germany, and have enjoyed the opportunity of being able to obtain these first hand, directly from the collectors in Germany. Then, too, the heavy immigration of Germans to this country, has been bound to bring along the collecting interest, too, and this enthusiastic interest was quickly transmitted to other races as well.

So there has been a long-felt need for the publication and dissemination of information on the stamps of Germany in the English language, to help those collectors whose linguistic abilities were limited to English alone. There is a wealth of information on German stamps to be found in the parent language, but this has been of little help to the average American collector.

Thus from this need, the formation of THE GERMANY PHILATELIC SOCIETY was brought about. On July 18, 1949 this Society had its inception in Rochester, New York.

The purpose of the Society is in the main, three-fold. First to offer collectors a Society of their own. That is, a Society where the interest of the member is served first and foremost. Secondly to offer the membership a Bulletin where articles both for the specialist and general collector would be published at regular intervals. Through the means offered by such a Bulletin, articles of lasting interest and value, written by well known specialists of German postal history, German states and Colonies, would become available. This would, of course, include translations and publications of many scarce and noteworthy articles and books published in Europe.

German postal history may be traced back to 1460. In that year a Count Roger of Thurn and Taxis, a principality, organized the first service for carrying private messages between various points in Germany, Austria, and their southern neighbors. This monopoly was in existence for more than 350 years.

Adhesive labels were first issued in 1852 and were used until 1867 when Prussia, readying for the consolidation of the German Empire to come in 1871, bought back the postal monopoly. These adhesive issues are now some of the classics of philately.

These adhesives were replaced by the stamps of Prussia, followed in the next year by the issues of the North German Postal District, from which the German Empire was formed in 1871.

The formation of the Empire on January 18, 1871 through the union of the North German Confederation and the South German States, marked the real beginning of Germany as a stamp-issuing country. These independent kingdoms, free states, grand duchies, and the like, which were the foundation of the original Empire,

were also stamp issuing countries prior to the German Empire. The early stamps from these areas hold a strong appeal to many German collectors, who specialize in this particular phase of German philately.

The first postmaster general of the German Empire was Dr. Heinrich von Stephan, then forty years old, who was destined to make postal history. Born in Stolp on January 7, 1831 he entered postal service at the age of seventeen. Becoming a master of European languages, he did considerable studying in the field of his chosen work.

Among his accomplishments were the remarkable military postal system he established during the Franco-Prussian War, his development of the parcel post and the money order systems, and his invention of the postal card.

But he is best remembered for his far-sighted vision in promoting the founding of what today is known as the Universal Postal Union, and he presided at its first conference held in Berne, Switzerland in 1874. Fifty years later, in 1924, Germany honored this great man on a set of commemorative stamps, and again followed suit on the 75th anniversary of the U.P.U., in 1949.

The period of postal issues under German Empire ended when Germany became a Republic following World War I, in 1919. It is perhaps of interest to note that under the German Empire, no stamps was issued with a face value in excess of five marks, equivalent at the old standard to about \$1.10 in American currency. With the exception of the first three sets, issued from 1872 to 1877, the rest of the Empire issues are in reach of the collector of very modest means.

In 1921 we see a shaken Germany, with Communist interference, Socialist forces, and various other factions struggling through chaos and revolutions to undermine, what was at best, a very shaky government. This brought on an economic crisis, followed by the whirlpool of inflation, and (Continued on page 11)

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Philatelic Germany Passing In Review

by Major Herman Halle

It is a well known fact that a country gains in philatelic interest when it is "in the news". This perhaps explains the popularity of German issues with the American collector. Add to this, well-executed stamps with a beautiful design and which tell a story, and you have a sound combination. It cannot be denied that since the founding of the German Reich it has been in the news. In 1872 the first German issue was placed on sale. It marked the beginning of the first Reich. It prospered under its Monarch Kaiser Wilhelm II until the defeat in World War I forced the Kaiser to take refuge in Holland.

With the revolution of 1919 the second Reich came into being and the federation of republics formed the new German Reich. Philatelically speaking this era was ushered in by a special issue for the National assembly at Weimar. Reparations, unemployment, the effects of the war, lack of production and raw materials and other factors played havoc with the economy and the Mark soon was a currency without value.

Under the monarchy the currency was grouped into the groschen, Thaler, Kreuzer and Gulden. Its relationship was as follows: In Northern Germany, 30 groschen—1 Thaler; or in Southern Germany, 60 Kreuzer—1 Gulden.

Under its then ruling Kaiser Wilhelm I (1871-1888) the German Empire on July 1, 1875 joined the world postal union. With the introduction of a new unified currency Pfennige and Mark (100 Pfennige—1 Mark) new stamps were placed on sale. This new valuation was considered sound until signs in 1922 indicated a coming devaluation.

No one however foresaw the tremendous devaluation which was to follow only a year later. For us philatelists it is quite interesting to trace this bankruptcy by tracing the prevailing postal rates.

Let's check the rates for a local postcard and a regular letter. On August 1st 1916 the rate for a local post card was 7½ Pf. and an out of town letter called for 15Pf. By January 1, 1922 the postcard rate had jumped to 75Pf. with the letter rate now calling for 2 Marks postage. This inflationary tendency was not to stop until it reached a peak postage rate of 16,000,000,000 Marks for a local postcard and 80,000,000,000 for an out of town letter. The registration fee had jumped from 20 Pf. in August 1916 to 80,000,000,000 Marks on November 26, 1923.

The relationship and value, or rather lack of value, of the Mark is perhaps best illustrated by giving the comparative franking requirement during this same period for a letter sent to a foreign country. Such a letter would have demanded 20 Pf. postage in 1916 but in 1923 at the height of the inflation 325,000,000,000 Marks were necessary to mail a simple little letter to a foreign country. Reparations, Youngs Plan, Dawes Plan and what have you were thrown in and out of gear. On November 30th, 1923 the finance minister, Schacht, called a halt and introduced a new currency, the Renten or Goldmark, as an arbitrary exchange rate 10,000,000,000 Mark equalled ONE Pfennig. The new currency was called Reichsmark (100 Pfennig—one Reichsmark.)

On January 30, 1933 the period of the ill-famed Third Reich started. It did not take the master of propaganda Dr. Goebbels

long to see the propaganda value of stamps. In addition he fully realized that collectors were a funny lot and were willing to pay good money to acquire these little bits of paper. What did it matter that a stamp with only a franking value of 42Pf. carried a surtax of 1.08 Marks. Wasn't the total of 1.50 Mk. a nice round one?

Under the guise of Winterhelp, Brown Band horse races, Blue Band horse races, Cultural fund, Olympic game fund and other reasons, collectors were provided with the most beautiful pieces of paper an artist could design. There is no doubt that some of these stamps are masterpieces of engraving and printing. Their eye-appeal has the right appeal to catch collectors.

The motives were interesting and told a story. The exponents of the master race cleverly conveyed messages to their own people by means of postal papers, at the same time also telling the world of their achievements.

Scenes from Wagner's operas tell of the greatness of this composer; Bach, Haendel, Schuetz, Mozart to name a few others are also honored. Inventors such as Daimler, Benz, Guericke, colonial pioneers such as Luederitz, Nachtigal, Peters and Wissman, technical achievements in the automobile field and in railroading, scientists such as bacteriologists Behring and Koch round out a cultural message.

But by no means has the political picture been overlooked. Every year a likeness of Hitler is shown to remind the German people of their "great" Fuehrer. The racial doctrine is documented by an issue showing expectant mothers, a public nurse and mother, and child clinic. A labor corpsman and girl come in for their share of glory. In two extensive issues the Wehrmacht was glorified and idolized.

Thus a showing of the stamps from 1933 to 1945 is a miniature presentation of Nazi aims, theories, institutions and political aspirations. With the unconditional surrender on May 8, 1945 the Nazi dream and the boast of a thousand year Reich came to an abrupt end. The period of the fourth Reich started. At the end of hostilities postal traffic and communications were in a chaotic condition. Slowly the Allies tried to reestablish service. In the early stages only local postal communications were re-established. Directives from SHAEF (Supreme Allied Expeditionary Force) Hdq. prohibited the use of Hitler stamps. New AMG stamps were in short supply and authorities relented, letting German officials use old stocks providing that anything on these stamps remaining one of the Nazi regime was blocked out.

A flood of locals made their appearance. As collectors eagerly bought these issues the post-

masters soon recognized a wonderful source of revenue to meet expenses and payrolls. New stamps were issued and surtaxes were added to collect much needed funds for reconstruction. In many cases however the lack of stamps created another variety, the emergency issues. "Postage Paid" stamps were permitted but in many cases the dies showed the Nazi emblem the swastika and thus could not be used. In other instances these stamps were placed on gummed labels to facilitate the handling at the post offices.

This was the birth of the Gebuehrenzettel (Postage Paid labels). These labels were not sold to the public but affixed at the Post Office by the clerks. It facilitated accounting and control. By February 10 the definitive issue went on sale and gradually all locals disappeared.

By 1948 a new currency reform was instituted and again Germany had a new currency. This time it was called Deutsche Mark (DM). Add to all this confusion the fact that during the postwar period the American/British zone, the French zone and the Russian zone issued their own stamps.

Glancing over this thumb-nail sketch of German postal history it is easy to see why collectors of this kind of material decided to form a society. The answer was the Germany Philatelic Society. Its aim to give the collectors of this material all possible aid and assistance and to keep them well informed through their monthly bulletin on such subjects as German stamps, colonial issues, World War I and II issues, occupation issues, fieldpost issues, emergency issues, locals and zonal issues etc.

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LOT NO. DESCRIPTION CAT. VALUE

- 1 FAM 5, Feb. 1929, Cristobal to Miami, #F5-2, 12c and 15c Canal Zone #88, 90, Cat. \$1.80 .75
- 2 FAM 6-10, Sept. 1929, San Juan to St. Thomas, F6-15, 15a, one cover 10c Kans. other 10c Nebr. Cat. \$2.80 for stamps
- 3 Another lot as above
- 4 FAM 14, Nov. 1935, First Flight China Clipper to Honolulu, F14-1a 1.75
- 5 FAM 18, June 17, 1946, Cover from Prague to New York, F18-33, cachet and special cancel 1.50
- 6 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, Boston to Gander and London, F24-2, 2a 1.75
- 7 FAM 24, Feb. 1946, New York to Amsterdam, F24-20 1.00
- 8 FAM 24, Feb.-Apr. 1946, Stockholm to Oslo, F24-15 2.50
- 9 FAM 24, Feb.-Apr. 1946, Copenhagen to Oslo, F24-14a 2.50
- 10 FAM 24, Feb.-Apr. 1946, Oslo to New York, Copenhagen, Stockholm, F24-13, 13a, 13b 7.75
- 11 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, New York to London, Gander and Ireland, F24-1, 1a, 1b 2.25
- 12 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, Boston to London, Gander and Ireland, F24-2, 2a, 2b 2.75
- 13 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, Chicago to London and Ireland, F24-3, 3a 1.50
- 14 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, Washington to London and Ireland, F24-4, 4a 1.50
- 15 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, Phila. to London and Ireland, F24-5, 5a 1.50
- 16 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, Ireland to London, F24-6 7.75
- 17 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, London to New York, Boston, Phila. and Wash. F24-7, 7b, 7d, 7e 4.00
- 18 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, London to New York, F24-7 1.00
- 19 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, Ireland to New York, Gander, Boston, Wash. and Phila. F24-8, 8a, 8b, 8d, 8e 5.00
- 20 FAM 24, Oct. 1945, Ireland to New York, F24-8 1.00
- 21 FAM 24, Feb.-Apr. 1946, New York to Stockholm, Copenhagen and Oslo, F24-12, 12a, 12b 4.00
- 22 FAM 32, Nov. 1, 1946, Cuba to USA, 1st Flight, no cachet .75
- 23 FAM 27, Feb. 2, 1950, TWA New York to Milan, Italy. Official cachet
- 24 First Flight LaGuardia Airport, (North Beach) Dec. 2, 1939, Printed Official cachet with letter from President T&WA signed by Jack Frye, letter states "Mailed on First Flight" also cover with official cachet for inauguration of airport, Oct. 15, 1939
- 25 Lot three diff. First Flight covers, Pick-up route P49-F 1.45
- 26 Lot 15 diff. First Flight from Pick-up Route P49-B 18.05
- 27 Lot 9 diff. First Flight covers Pick-up Route P49-E, Dec. 1940 9.05
- 28 CAM 24, Indianapolis, green cachet, #24S2, set Lex-Concord on Bi-Cent envelope 2.00
- 29 Another cover, same, 2c Norse-Am, 2c Alaska-Yukon and 1c Jamestown on Bi-Cent envelope 2.00
- 30 Another cover, same, has 1c Pan-Pac and 5c Ericsson etc. St. edges on cover 2.00
- 31 Experimental Pick-up, Route 1001, P1 to P9, May 14, 1939, lot nine diff. towns 3.80
- 32 Another lot as above 3.80
- 33 Exp. Pick-up, Route 1001, June 4, 1939, P1-16 to 16, 7 diff. 4.40
- 34 Exp. Pick-up, 1001, P10 to 16, 7 diff. towns 4.40
- 35 Exp. Pick-up, June 18, 1939, P17 to 20, four towns 2.45
- 36 Exp. Pick-up, 1001, P1-17 to 20, four diff. 2.45
- 37 Exp. Pick-up, 1001, July 2, 1939, P1-21 to 28, eight towns 4.00
- 38 Another lot as above 4.00
- 39 Exp. Flight, 1001, May 12, 1939, P2-1 to 11, 11 diff. 3.85
- 40 Another lot as above 3.85
- 41 Exp. Pick-up, 1001, May 28, 1939, P2-12 to 19, 8 diff. 2.80
- 42 Exp. Pick-up, 1001, June 11, 1939, P2-20 to P2-26, seven diff. 2.45
- 43 Another lot as above 2.45
- 44 Exp. Pick-up, 1001, June 25, 1939, P2-27 to 31, 5 diff. 2.15
- 45 Another lot as above 2.15
- 46 Another lot as lot number 44 eight diff. 2.80
- 47 Lot eight diff. first flights
- 48 Lot 30 covers, Commemorative and National Air Week, 1938 covers
- 49 Lot 14 covers, duplicates of above lot
- 50 Lot 10 diff. U. S. First flight covers, about 5.00
- 51 Lot 18 diff. First Flight, U. S. Covers, about 5.00
- 52 Lot nine Dedication and Special event covers
- 53 Lot 10 First Flight and Dedication covers

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- 54 FCAM 5A, 1946, F5A, 1, 2, 3, 3a, 3b, 3c, 4, 5, 6, 7, ten fine covers 6.85
- 55 1947, FAM 14, San Francisco to Shanghai, F14-28 29, 30 3.00
- 56 1947, Shanghai to San Francisco, F14-31, 31a, 31b 3.00
- 57 1939, New York to Marseilles, F18-1 7.75
- 58 1946, F18-27, 27a, 27b, New York to Vienna, Brussels and Prague 3.00
- 59 1946, Gander to Vienna, Brussels and Prague, F18-28, 28a, 28b 4.50
- 60 1946, Limerick to Vienna, Brussels, Prague, F18-29, 29a, 29b 2.25
- 61 1946, Brussels to Vienna, Prague, F18-30, 30a 1.50
- 62 1946, Brussels to New York, London, Limerick and Gander, F18-31, 31a, 31b, 31c 3.75
- 63 1946, Prague to Vienna, F18-32 7.75
- 64 1946, Prague to New York, Brussels, Gander, Limerick and London, F18-33, 33a, 33b, 33c, 33d 5.25

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63	1946, Vienna to New York, Prague, Brussels, London, Limerick and Gander. F18-34, 34a, 34b, 34c, 34d, 34e	6.25
64	1944, San Francisco to Auckland Canton Island and Noumea, F19-1, 1a, 1b	5.50
65	1940, Los Angeles to Auckland, Honolulu, Canton Island and Noumea, F19-2, 2a, 2b, 2c	16.50
66	1940, Honolulu to Auckland and Canton Island F19-3, 3a	4.00
67	1940, Canton Island to Auckland and Noumea, F19-5, 5a	5.00
68	1940, Canton Island to Noumea and Los Angeles to Canton Island, F19-5a and F19-2b	6.50
69	1940, Canton Island to San Francisco, Honolulu and Los Angeles, F19-6, 6a, 6b	10.00
70	1940, Noumea to Auckland, F19-7	2.00
71	1940, Noumea to San Francisco, Canton Island, Honolulu and Los Angeles, F19-8, 8a, 8b, 8c	11.00
72	1940, Auckland to San Francisco, Noumea, Canton Island Honolulu and Los Angeles, F19-9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d	13.00
73	1941, FAM 19, #F19-15, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23	13.50
74	1941, FAM 19, Suva to Noumea, F19-20a	3.00
75	1941, FAM 19, Suva to Canton Island Honolulu and San Pedro, F19-21a, 21b, 21c	8.50
76	FAM 20, 1940, Alaska Flights, F20-1, 2, 3	.95
77	FAM 22, 1941, Miami to Leopoldville, Bathurst, Lagos, F22-1, 1a, 1b	8.50
78	FAM 22, Port of Spain, Leopoldville, Bathurst, Lagos, F22-3, 3a, 3b	7.50
79	FAM 22, Belem to Bathurst and Lagos F22-4a, 4b	4.50
80	FAM 22, Natal to Leopoldville, Bathurst, Lagos F22-5, 5a, 5b	7.50
81	FAM 22, Bathurst to Leopoldville and Lagos F22-6, 6a	5.00
82	FAM 22, Bathurst to Miami, Natal, Belem, Port of Spain and San Juan, F22-7, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d	14.00
83	FAM 22, Lagos to Leopoldville, F22-8	2.00
84	FAM 22, Lagos to Miami, Natal, Belem, Port of Spain and San Juan, F22-9, 9a, 9b, 9c, 9d, 9e	16.00
85	FAM 22, Leopoldville to Miami, Lagos, Bathurst and Port of Spain, F22-10, 10a, 10b, 10c	9.50

UNUSUAL FOREIGN AIR COVERS

- 86 Newfoundland, First Flight, Gander to New York Jan. 1, 1947 7.75
- 87 Manila to Singapore, May 6, 1941 with official green cachet 10.00
- 88 First New Zealand Acceptance Per British Trans-Pacific Service, Christchurch, N. Z. to U. S. Nov. 21, 1946
- 89 Inaugural Flight, Manila to Iloilo, Nov. 14, 1945
- 90 Inaugural Flight, Basra, Iraq to New York, March 7, 1948 F27-51, with letter 7.50
- 91 First Flight, Madrid to New York, May 6, 1946 with cachet, F27-25 5.00
- 92 Switzerland to New York, Special CIPEX cover, May 2, 1947 2.50
- 93 First Transcontinental Flight, Imperial Airways, London to New York, 1939, #1328, unpriced
- 94 KLM First Official Flight 1943, from Aruba and Willemstad #726, 6a official cachets 3.00
- 95 KLM, First Official Flight Willemstad to Miami, Official cachet, Aug. 1943 1.00
- 96 KLM First Flight, Amsterdam to New York, May 21, 1946, official KLM cover, #1372, with cachet 2.00
- 97 TACA, Nov. 1943, First Flight #727, set 16 special covers from Costa Rica, Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, official TACA covers in colors 16.00
- 99 Another set as above, different stamps used this is a set of 20 covers 20.00
- 100 TACA, one of the large special presentation covers with stamps of all four countries on the cover, a rare item 10.00
- 101 Lot 28 covers, November 1946, Pan American World Airways, Airmail Test flight to West Indies, Central and South America, 28 round trip covers with both U. S. and Foreign stamps, all properly backstamped and returned, rare set
- 102 "First Flight, 4-Engine Stratoliner 2-A-M-44/From New York, July 9, 1940" Choice cover from TWA
- 103 PANAGRA, cacheted cover from Ecuador for 2000th Crossing of Equator, with surcharged Ecuador stamps for the event, rare
- 104 "Rocket Research/Institute/Rocket Flight / January 28, 1950 in Commemoration of Wilbur and Orville Wright" Has cachet also Green Rocket Stamp marked "Flown by Rocket / Jan. 28, 1950" Also with airmail stamp cancelled Trona, Calif., Jan. 28, 1950, rare
- 105 "TAA-Load Flight/First Flight/18th National AMA/Model Airplane Meet/July 31, 1949 / Olathe, Kansas." Used at Olathe, July 31, 1949, card enclosed, rare
- 106 TWA first flight, Phila. to Frankfurt, Germany, Nov. 1, 1950, Official TWA cachet
- 107 Germany, First flight air mail, from Russian Zone to U.S.A. March 1, 1950, special cancel and cachet, rare
- 108 TWA, Flight from New York to Vatican City and return, Dec. 24, 1949, special TWA Folded letter sheet
- 109 "First Flight, Lockheed F-80 Jet Penetration Fighter". Muroc, Calif., June 4, 1949, rare
- 110 Helicopter cover, first flights, six diff. 1949-50
- 111 Cover with label cachet, Paterson, N. J., Sept. 21, 1949, Round green cachet with plane in center, "Pre Flight/Flagship Paterson" Autographed by Pilot also Mayor and Postmaster
- 112 Crash Cover from LaGuardia Field, May 29, 1947. Marked in four lines with handstamp in capital letters, "Delay Due to Air Mail/interruption near New York, N. Y./Scott 29, 1947"
- 113 Cover from LaPaz, Bolivia, Scott #C128 on cover, 15th Anniversary PANAGRA with letter from President of PANAGRA, also letter from PANAGRA in Bolivia with the special souvenir sheet of the two surcharged stamps, Scott C128-9. A rare piece
- 114 Cover from Peru, 17th Anniversary, First flight and renewal of contract between Peru and PANAGRA, with letter from Lima, Traffic Manager, rare cover
- 115 Cover, 20th anniversary PANAGRA, Chile to U.S.A. with letter from PANAGRA Mgr., in Santiago, Cover cacheted, rare
- 116 Cover from Argentina, cacheted, "Vigésimo Aniversario PANAGRA flight between Argentina and U. S. rare

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117	Cover on Inaugural Stratocruiser Speedbird flight, London to New York, 6 Dec. 1949 with letter from BOAC, official printed cachet rare	
118	Cover, Dedication Orrin Russell Fox Heliport, Oct. 27, 1950, Special cachet, one of 50 such covers, with letter	
119	Graf Zeppelin, \$1.30 brown on card canceled May 7, 1930, U. S. to Frederickshafen and return, fine and rare	25.00
120	AMS Convention in Havana, May 21, 1948 Special Official cacheted cover, small 6 3/4 size	
121	Cover "Carried by United States Air Force B-47 Stratojet." Carried Non Stop Hawaii to Edwards Air Force Base, Calif. Flight was intended non stop to Washington. Historic and rare cover with letter	
122	Cover from Peru for 20th anniversary PANAGRA with letter and green scroll cachet, also a cover with circular cachet	

CANADA FIRST FLIGHTS

- 123 Seattle/Vancouver #198, 281 .60
- 124 Ottawa/Bradore Bay, Siscoe/Pascalis #257, 536 .55
- 125 London to Buffalo #265 .30
- 126 Edmonton/Fort Nelson etc. #286, 6a, 6b, 6c, 6d, 6e 3.00
- 127 White Horse to Fairbanks and Juneau #290, 290a 1.00
- 128 Three covers, #336, 336a, 537d .80
- 129 Toronto and London to Cleveland #338, 338a .70
- 130 Charlottetown/Grindstone Island #541, 541a .60
- 131 Great Falls/Bissett etc. #542, 2a, 2b, 2c, 2d, 2e 1.80
- 132 Prince Albert/Montreal Lake, etc. #535, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e 1.50
- 133 Fort Resolution/Great Bear Lake, etc. #537a, 7b, 7d .90
- 134 Big River/Green Lake etc. #543, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3h, 3i, 3j, 3k 3.20
- 135 Rae/Camsell River etc. #546, 6a, 6b, 6c 1.20
- 136 Seven Island/Havre St. Pierre etc. #547, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e 2.40
- 137 Havre St. Pierre/Fort Menier etc. #548, 8a .80
- 138 Cameron Bay/Coppermine, #555, 5a .60
- 139 Prince Albert/Beauval etc. #556, 6a, 6b, 6c 1.20
- 140 Fort Chippewyan/fond du Lac, #557, 7a .60
- 141 Rouyn to Kewagama etc. #558, 8a .60
- 142 Winnipeg/Bissett etc. #561, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g 3.20
- 143 Kenora/Red Lake etc. #562, 2a, 2b, 2c 1.60
- 144 Sioux Lookout/Casummit Lake, #563, 3a .80
- 145 Kenora/Whitefish, #570, 70a .80
- 146 Siscoe/Val d'Or etc. #571, 1a, 1d, 1e 1.60
- 147 Winnipeg/Norway House etc. #572, 2a, 2d, 2e 1.60
- 148 Norway House/Cross Lake, #573, 3a .80
- 149 Winnipeg/Berens River, #574, 4a .80
- 150 Collins/Pickle Crow, #576, 6a .80
- 151 Fort Chippewyan/Goldfields, #579, 9a .80
- 152 Prince Albert/Dore Lake #580, 80a, 80b, 80c 1.60
- 153 Kenora/Machim, 585, 5a .60
- 154 Golden Arm/Red Lake, #587, 7a, 7b, 7d 1.60
- 155 Hailbury/Red Lake, #589, 9a .60
- 156 Rimouski/Sept. Iles, #591, 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h, 1i 4.00
- 157 Fort St. John/Fort Nelson, #595, 5a, 5b, 5c, 5d, 5e, 5f, 5g 3.20
- 158 Prince George/Fort St. James, 597, 7a, 7b, 7c, 7d, 7e 1.80
- 159 Prince George/Ft. McLeod, #598, 8a, 8b, 8c, 8d, 8e 1.80
- 160 Prince George/Germansen Landing #610, 10a .60
- 161 Prince George/Ware, #611, 11a .50
- 162 Montreal/Chicago, 1946, #237, 7a, 7b, 7c 1.40
- 163 Lot five Dedication and Special events covers

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- 164 Lot 38 cacheted covers from Stamp Shows, Conventions etc.
- 165 Lot 43 covers, cacheted for Railway anniversaries and other events
- 166 Lot 90 covers with Slogan Cancels, a few are cacheted, few are duplicates
- 167 Lot 100 covers cacheted for various events unusual cancels, and slogans, a few duplicates
- 168 Another lot of 100 mostly different from above
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- 182 Lot 70 covers, starting with #856 and up to date, all in blocks of four, mostly fine engraved cachets. Fine lot, about 35.00
- 183 Lot 22 Air Mail FDC, #C23 to date, ten of earlier without cachet, others cacheted, fine lot 10.20

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- 184 Two covers from "Operation Highjump, Antarctic Expedition, U.S.S. Mount Olympus covers and one "Byrd Antarctic Snow/Cruiser cover
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294	.12	319	.10	338	.18	366	.04
295	.10	320	.04	339	.18	367	.10
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Sadly, they failed me, and I thereby lose another possible item for a birthday collection. And it might interest you to know that it encompasses all nations of the world.

May has been one of the popular months as far as first days of issue are concerned. On the basis of individual commems, and not sets, I would judge that it has seen more activity of that nature than any other month.

The United States has supplied me with one birthday item and that was the Steamship Stamp of 1944.

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According to the Department after about a year and a half trial, the single blue color was not distinctive enough to cause a clerk to recognize the mail to which it was attached as a "hurry-up" item, so "steps were taken."

This consisted of printing this same design in two colors, the frame in red, and the central design, a reproduction of the great seal of the United States, in blue. Printing required two passes of each sheet through the flat press, one for each color.

Like with nearly all the bi-colors registry was not always perfect and the central design of the 16-center is found slightly off its normal position. The stamp shown herewith is one of the most notable "skids" I have ever seen and makes a nice curiosity.



It is the property of Erwin C. Nielsen of Milwaukee, Wis.

For some reason or another the 16c AMSD stamps were never popular, and hence never widely used. Why this stamp is not one of the modern high priced ones (the blue one, that is) is a story unto itself.

There were only 9,215,750 printed, and I'd say that at least 8,500,000 were used for postage. Today, 18 years later, full sheets of it still bring but little more than face.

Wonder if it will be like the Columbians which took years and years to really amount to anything.

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A Wadsworth, Ohio collector asks what are the numbers before the listings of the stamps in the "NEW U.S. FIRST DAYS" box which appears in each edition of this paper. As for example 1004 Betsy Ross; 1005 4-H.

Those are the Scott Catalog numbers, or to put it another way, the numbers which identify these stamps in the Scott Catalog.

Practically all stamp identifications used by collectors and dealers in the United States, whether for United States or foreign stamps, are Scott Catalog number identifications. You will find these numbers used in advertisements and news stories.

For full information therefore, it would require that you own the Scott Catalog(s). The set of two volumes which have the stamps of the entire world cost \$4 per volume. The Specialized United States Catalog which deals with United States material exclusively costs \$3.50.

That seems to be a lot of money from your stamp budget, but actually, it is almost impossible to collect intelligently without a catalog.

H. C. Fowler of Russellville, Ark. states that the so-called boner of the left hand drive for the 1902 car shown on the AAA stamp might not be so much of a slip after all.

He points out that in the booklet, "Merry Old Mobiles On Parade" by Hi Sibley, Garden City Publishing Co., \$1.00, page 24 pictures and describes a Rumber, 1900-01 with Charles T. Jeffery at the wheel. It has a steering wheel and a left hand drive. It did not go into production being an experimental model only.

Those interested in Highway Post Office information should like the current issue of the Transit Postmark published by Hershel E. Rankin, 2437 Jackson Ave., Memphis 8, Tenn.

J. L. Whitmeyer has prepared "The Highway Post Office Routes of California" in an informative manner with important details. This includes a map of the routes, the schedules, first trip data, plus other general information.

The Transit Postmark is published monthly by a duplicating method carrying all news of vehicular carrying of the mails.

By their purchase of Federal "duck stamps," hunters of wild ducks and geese have contributed nearly \$27 million to help underwrite a national waterfowl restoration program which the Federal Government has been carrying on since 1934, according to Secretary of the Interior Oscar L. Chapman.

During the 17-year period from July 1, 1934, when the duck stamp requirement became effective, through June 30, 1951, the sum of \$26,909,141 has been turned over to the Fish and Wildlife Service by the Treasury Department as receipts from duck stamp sales.

The Federal duck stamp is required of all waterfowl hunters over 16. It now sells for \$2. Issues prior to 1949-50 sold for \$1. Money received from the sale of these stamps is used by the Service to help finance its waterfowl program.

The report shows that as of June 30, 1951, the Service has expended \$21,626,072 out of the total receipts, as follows: \$358,809 to the Post Office Department for printing and issuing the stamps; \$2,038,551 for law enforcement; \$4,006,420 for land acquisition activities; \$13,598,488 for development, management and administration of the refuges, and \$1,623,803 for waterfowl investigations.

At present the Service is operating 196 refuges, of 3,122,231 acres, which were established primarily for migratory waterfowl. In 1934, at the beginning of the waterfowl restoration program, the Service had 41 water-

fowl refuges, consisting of 911,039 acres.

As originally passed on March 16, 1934, the Migratory Bird Hunting Stamp Act provided that 90 per cent of the money realized from the sale of the stamps was to be used by the Fish and Wildlife Service to supplement other funds for the purchase and maintenance of waterfowl refuges throughout the country. The remaining 10 per cent was to be used for the printing and distribution of the stamps and for the enforcement of all Federal laws which protect migratory waterfowl.

Two amendments to the Act in recent years have changed both the cost of the stamp and the original 90-10 division of the funds. In August 1949 the price was raised to \$2 to offset rising costs encountered by the Service in its efforts to expand its waterfowl conservation work. In October 1951, in response to demands for a stepped-up law enforcement program, Congress authorized an increase in expenditure of duck stamp funds for enforcement and administration from 10 per cent to 15 per cent of the annual receipts.

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Staten Island Dinner April 28

President Alex Findlay of the Staten Island, N. Y. Philatelic Society announces the appointment of Elliott Burgher as general chairman of the group's annual dinner.

It is to be held at the Riviera Chateau, Oakwood Heights on April 28.

At that time there will be a presentation of an award to Marian Pratt for her winning entry in the club's recent exhibition.

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There are several interesting articles to be found in the #9 edition of Ohlman's Philatelic Services, a house organ produced and edited by M. Ohlman, 116 Nassau St., New York 38, N. Y. Besides the information there are a number of advertisements of dealers in many fields with stamp offers. A copy is sent on the receipt of a three cent stamp.

A comprehensive listing of the stamps of Germany is contained in the most recent edition of Gimbels Stamp News, produced by Gimbels Stamp Department, 33rd St. & Broadway, New York, N. Y. Many of them are pictured. Also to be found are listings of stamps of Switzerland, Saar, Danzig and Liechtenstein. Send a 3c stamp for a copy to the above address.

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Australia (C) \$6.75	1932	130-32	18.40	15.00
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Barbados (Set \$18)	1912	116-24	12.60	5.00
" Terc. Used	1939	202-06	3.35	1.30
Bermuda Terc.	1920-1	55-69	19.10	8.25
" Terc.	1921	71-79	17.50	8.00
Barbados Victory	1920	140-51	22.80	11.50
Bermuda	1906-10	21-29	9.00	3.50
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" (Used \$2.75)	1933	C-5-25	22.00	11.00
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Gambia	1922-27	102-20	49.17	22.00
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Guatemala (18 vals)	1938-44	54-67	24.72	9.25
" Helena	1908	56-58	1.85	7.00
Guamaland	1904-05	27-48	33.00	9.00
" 1938	84-85	33.00	12.75	
" Krakow Cent.	1946	155-58	7.76	2.35
" (135-51 \$7)	1934-44	135-54	12.50	26.50
Leone (140-50 \$6.75)	1932	140-52	59.00	30.00
Leone L.	1933	153-65	222.20	115.00
" Rhodesia	1937	42-54	3.32	2.65
Leone S. shades	1937-41	238-52	27.20	13.00
" S. Used	1936-7	217-34	9.60	4.25
Leone (Used \$25)	1934	51-59	59.15	24.00
" (63-76 \$8)	1941	63-78	40.40	21.00
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Leone L.	1910-16	21-29	33.75	10.50
Leone L.	1915	40-48	8.39	4.75
Rhodesia (C) \$8.00	1940	56-63	1.77	7.00
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Cancellation Fascination

by Vernon McKenzie

Usually, I don't pay much attention to stamps, covers and cancellations unless they are of German origin, or from areas occupied by Germany in World War I or World War II. But the other day I got a Canadian precancel cover and after the first look, took a second look.

The cancellation showed a diminutive red ink figure on skis, with the text reading: "Recreation Pays Dividends." Then I took a look at the sender's address in the upper left-hand corner. This letter had been sent out by: The Government of Canada, District Treasury Office, Department of National Health and Welfare, Family Allowances. It had enclosed a check, for a family with several children!

I am told that in Canada this has become a collector's item.

On the grim side, I have in front of me a parcel receipt card, with Polish General Gouvernement stamps, and the postmark of an especially infamous concentration camp. A handstamp indicates that the parcel could not be delivered. The body of the intended recipient had probably been consigned to a gas oven.

These are just average items which a collector of stamps and covers may come across. Many covers (especially) may serve as footnotes to history. I am sure that I have, in my 2,000 or so covers, cancellations about which I have not yet learned the real or complete story. In addition to the conventional cancellation on the stamp, many covers and cards carry—especially in Europe—slogans, often of a vigorous propaganda nature. For some months I have had a dozen Russian field-post (army) postcards. Just recently a Russian-speaking American student translated these for me.

One card was mailed by Soviet soldier Kubanov, from Kagalnitskaia Ros, dated July 16, 1942. There is no stamp, as stamps for soldiers in a combat area were not necessary. The message is a simple soldier's one, and says little more than that he is well, and thinks often how much he'd like to be home with his comrade Vassily Chugriev. But the slogan is what—after translation—caught my attention. Under a crude picture is the caption: "Long live the People's Avengers, the Courageous Partisans!" Then, in upper right corner where a stamp would be on a commercial card, there is the line: "Death to German Occupation!"

Perhaps it is because modern Germany is my special field of interest—and because of my lack of knowledge of other philatelic areas—that I believe Germany has used more in the way of political propaganda slogans and cancellations than any other country (with the possible exception of the USSR).

Philatelic propaganda was used moderately in pre-Hitler Germany, but after the Fuehrer came to power January 30, 1933, it was used in literally thousands of instances. Today, and since the latter part of 1945, the Communists in East Germany are continuing what Hitler and Goebbels began, in an endeavor to turn East Germans into Communists, and to take cracks at the Marshall Plan and other actions of the western democracies.

In pre-revolution days in the

American colonies, Sam Adams made practical propaganda use of anniversaries. He and his fellow activists never failed, for years after the event, to celebrate the occasion of the Boston Tea Party.

Also, there was the "Boston Massacre" of September 5, 1770. Adams let no one forget this in the years after, and had anniversary celebrations for the "Bloody Work in King's Street." But Sam had no stamps, and no doubt very few, if any, cancellation handstamps.

Hitler and Goebbels had access to every conceivable device of modern communications. Anniversaries of special import to the Nazi Party were consistently celebrated, by radio, newspapers, posters, parades—and stamps and cancellations. The earliest "sacred" Nazi event was the abortive Putsch of November 9, 1923. Take a look at Scott 467 and 468, and read the line at the top: "Gedenke des 9. November, 1923." Cancellations also carried this line. Then, just to mention one other set, take a look at the date on Scott B116 and B117: "30 January." That was the day in 1933 when Hitler became chancellor.

From the Olympic sheet issue of 1936 on, each year a stamp and a special cancellation—often many varieties in one year—appeared to note Hitler's birthday. The last appeared in 1944, Scott B271. In 1945, on April 20, neither Hitler nor Germany was in any shape to bother about a birthday stamp. On that birthday Hitler and Goebbels were both underground, in the de luxe bomb shelter of the Berlin chancellery gardens, and both were dead ten days later.



I shall mention just two of the birthday stamps and cancellations. The stamp issued in 1939—Scott B137—for Hitler's 50th birthday, shows the Fuehrer at his birth

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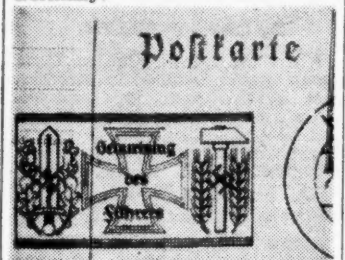
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place in Braunau, Austria. Some cancellations also show a Braunau scene. The one with this article is from Vienna, dated 20.4.39, and the line at bottom—"Deutsch die Ostmark"—is propaganda which, roughly translated, means that Austria is definitely a part of Germany.



The 1940 cancellation illustrated has a conventional date stamp—2.4.40—20—and an unusual boxed side cancellation.

I shall mention just three other cancellations of the Nazi period. Each year, from 1933 to 1938 (it was called off at the last moment in 1939) the annual Nazi rally was held in Nuremberg. Millions of postcards were issued, showing Hitler and his marching SA troops. This picture usually took up the left half of the front of the postcard. The card in 1936 had an imprint of the type of Scott B102. The common cancellation had Nurnberg at the top, an eagle and swastika in center, and at the bottom: "Reichsparteitag der NSDAP." Put into English, the five initials stand for: "National Socialist German Workers' Party." (See illustration above, top left item).



During the war many vigorous propaganda cancellations appeared, to malign the Allies and to stimulate the Germans. One, shown with this article, appears partly covering Scott B236. Apart from Berlin, and the date, it reads in translation: "Our Leader Bans Bolshevism."

It would be possible to write about several hundred more, if I had the knowledge, and Linn's had the space. But I want to pay some attention to post-war German cancellations and slogans. I have a list in front of me showing more than 1,000 varieties which have been used in Germany since V-E Day. I shall select half a dozen or so of these, and most of the examples will be from the East Zone, as that Communist-

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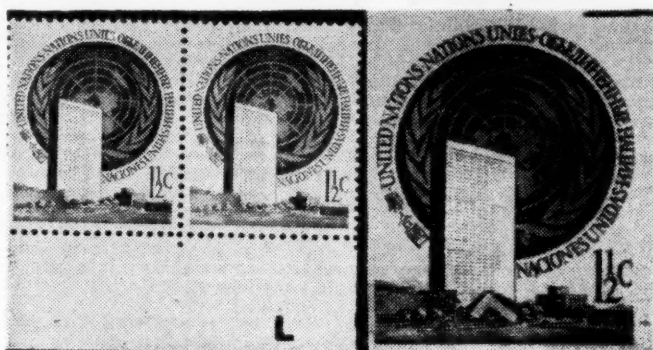
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An "L" Of A Mystery Solved

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four 1 1/2c United Nations stamps which showed a very distinct
letter "L" lying on its back at the base of the big UN building as
shown on the stamps. At that time we had no explanation for
this freak but it has caused some of our readers to watch for such
a variety and now Steve Stiling of Escanaba, Michigan comes up
with the correct answer.

Above, is an illustration of the original stamp with the freak
"L" at the base of the building. At the left is a pair of the 1 1/2c UN
stamps with lower margin. This is mounted on black paper so that
the letter "L" in the lower margin shows up as a black "L". This
"L" however is punched out of the paper and thus leaves a hole in
that shape. The answer is that the "L" is punched out before the
stamps are printed, and stuck to the sheet of paper. When the
sheet was printed the "L" stuck to the ink on the plate and left the
white spot as shown at the bottom of the building. It is therefore
most probable that the stamp from which the original picture was
printed is a unique piece that will never be duplicated again except
possibly from the same reason. This is indeed cooperation on the
part of our reader, Mr. Stiling, in running down this mystery.

Picture Mt. Carmel On Israel Airmail

Two outstanding sights in Haifa,
Israel will be depicted on two
new airmails to be released by
that nation on April 13. The 100
pruta cobalt blue and silver gray
features Haifa Bay, the 120p dark
purple and silver gray, Mt. Carmel.



Both were designed by O. Wal-
lish.

The set is released to mark the
National Stamp Exhibition at
Haifa and will only be available
there between April 13 and 17. A
set is sold with the purchase of
an entrance ticket to the stamp
show, the entire combination
amounting to 340 pruta, approxi-
mately 34c in U. S. money.

Now It's Official! Ditch Divvy On Cards

Postmaster General Jesse M.
Donaldson announced that the
ten per cent additional charge on
2c postal cards when bought in
lots of 50 or more has been re-
scinded.

Mr. Donaldson said that post-
masters throughout the nation
have been instructed that on or
after March 22 all postal cards
will be sold at face value regard-
less of quantity of purchase.

The Postmaster General ex-
plained that this action comes as
a result of Public Law 279, ap-
proved March 12, 1952, which
rescinds the provision of Public
Law 233, that required the col-
lection of a ten per cent addi-
tional charge on two-cent postal
cards sold in lots of 50 or more.

A Daughter For The George Tlamsa's

George Tlamsa, editor-in-chief
of Minkus Publications, Inc., has
announced with great pride that
his latest production has been en-
titled "The Pride and Joy" of the
Tlamsa household. A 7 pound 7
ounce daughter was born on
March 11 to Mrs. Tlamsa.

Mr. Tlamsa, who has edited the
Master Global Album and the
New World Wide Album, does not
promise annual supplements to
this edition

New Regulars From Spanish Guinea

The "Jungle Telegraph" is fea-
tured in the design of three new
stamps from Spanish Guinea re-
leased March 10. In denomina-



tions of 5c brown, 50c green and
5 Pesetas violet they are to re-
place obsolete values of the cur-
rent pictorials.

Pictured in the design is a na-
tive beating out a message on a
native drum.

According to Carlos Lenze of
Madrid, Spain there were two
million of each denomination
printed.

"Chatter" Editor Begins Sixth Year

Now starting his sixth year as
the editor of the popular and in-
formative "British Empire Chatter",
weekly feature of Linn's, is
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Postpone Jordan Issue To April 1

According to A.J.E. Davis,
Washington, D. C. representative
of the Crown Agents, London,
England, there has been a post-
ponement of the Jordan Unity
comemms.

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cisco, Calif. 387 (15c), Columbia,
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The "Keystoner," bulletin for
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Type collection?"

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for anything, is the same now as
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state collection or if you like your
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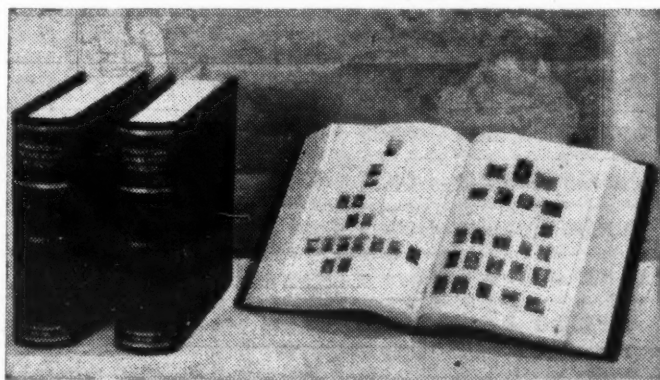
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THE DEFENSE ERRORS

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CHAPTER XXV

The finds of Defense errors at Peoria, Ill., and Norwich, Conn. have many points in common. Approximately the same number of 3c errors were found in each post office, they were discovered about the same time in the summer of 1942, and in each case it was a comparatively new collector who made the major find and thus experienced his philatelic "thrill of a lifetime."

In Peoria, Ill., William A. Hutchens, a machinist by trade, had been collecting stamps five years when he read about the Defense errors being found at various post offices. He saw the stories in Linn's Weekly and soon after being alerted he went to the Peoria main post office to buy some stamp supplies for a friend who operated a drug store.

Hutchens asked the stamp clerk whether he had seen "any imperforate pairs" among the Defense sheets. The clerk had just opened a new pad of 3c sheets that morning and he said: "Here, take a look for yourself." On the fourth sheet down from the top, Hutchens found a completely imperforate pair and in the remainder of the sheets, there was a pair or a true block every three or four sheets!

A specialist in precancels, Hutchens used most of the errors he found in trading for rare precancels. He reported that the 3c errors in Peoria were from three

plate numbers:—22388, 22691, and 22794. He corresponded with a California precancel man, Arthur G. Lilienthal of San Francisco, who reported a small find of 3c errors with plate number 22693.

Several other collectors shared in the Peoria treasure. Hutchens was fortunate enough to pick up a rare upper right corner pair in one of his visits to the post office. He later traded this to a collector, who was trying to complete a miniature "sheet" of the 3c errors, and he gave Hutchens a 3c block for the pair. The Peoria find totaled approximately 150 pairs and 50 blocks of the 3c value.

In Norwich, Conn., Joseph A. Riley was manager of an auto accessory store. He has lived all of his life in that city and started to collect stamps in 1941. He tells the story of his "find" as follows:

"One day I bought a supply of stamps for the store at the post office. When I got back I tried to

use some of the 3c stamps and discovered that they did not tear apart very good. I then noticed that some of the stamps were not perforated and I called in a member of my family who knew more about stamps than I did at that time. He told me that I had found an error. Naturally, I was quite excited. I did not know what an imperforate pair looked like before that day."

Riley went back to the post office at once and drew aside the stamp clerk. He showed him the 3c Defense pair and together they checked over the other stock at the window. They turned up a few more errors. From that time on, as long as the 3c Defense stamps were on sale, the clerk saved out strips of 20 stamps, either from the left side of the sheet or the right side, showing the true errors or various minor varieties in perforation. These strips were picked up each day by Riley. He said:

"I got some errors every day for three weeks, but at that time the post office exhausted its supply of the 3c sheets and no more were received there. I also noticed that during the third week, toward the end, the number of errors dropped off each day."

Altogether, it is estimated there were 200 pairs and 75 blocks of the 3c errors found at Norwich, and at one time Riley owned 50 pairs and 40 blocks, plus scads of the minor varieties. All of the errors in both Peoria, Ill., and Norwich, Conn., where stripped out of the sheets. No complete sheets were saved in either city.

Riley traded some of his material to George E. McCabe, of

Troy, Pa., for 1c and 2c items. He also sold some of the 3c errors to various dealers including Murray Simnock, New York, and H. E. Harris, Boston.

On March 5, 1943, he sold six blocks of four and four pairs of the 3c errors to H. E. Harris for \$28.50 and applied that amount on the purchase of a set of the Graf Zepp singles mint that he had always wanted. Riley also was very kind in trading and selling some of his minor varieties to the writer for his specialized collection.

Post offices scattered throughout Connecticut probably had more of the 3c errors than any other state in the nation but it looks very much like the full story of the errors in Connecticut will never be told. For the most part, the dealers who cornered the errors worked with individuals at the post office and for that reason the information has not been forthcoming.

Huge finds of 3c errors were made at Bridgeport and Hartford, Conn. Smaller finds were reported at New Haven and Torrington, Conn. Harry Keffer, of the New Haven Collector's Shop, and Andrew Peterson, of the W. C. Phillips Co., were prominent in the big finds. Still another large find of the 3c errors was in Providence, Rhode Island.

Ira J. Sonurublick, of Hartford, bought 84 sheets of the 3c Defense, each with an imperforate pair or block, from the Torrington, Conn., post office in 1952. He also found some 3c errors at Winsted, Conn. Wrote he: "I tore them all out of the sheets and sold them for \$1.75 per pair to

Harris Co., in Boston. If I had only used my thick head I could have gotten \$15 to \$20 per complete sheet in New York City."

NEXT WEEK: The Fremont, Ohio, 3c errors.

Steal \$5000 Stock From Oklahoman

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Approvals Originator Taken By Death

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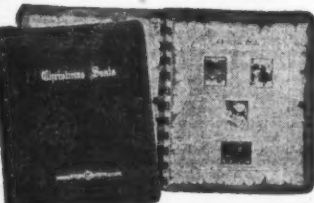
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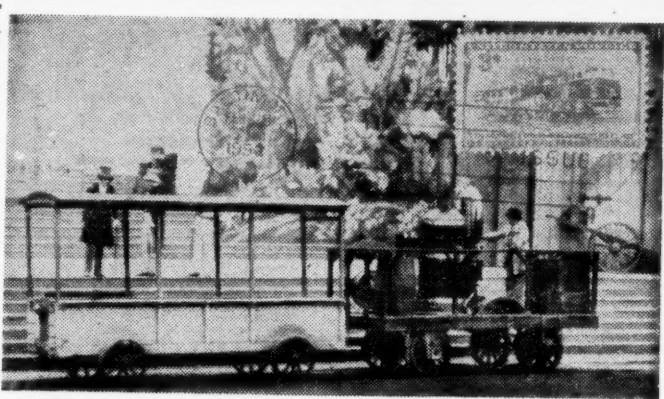
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The design shows a cherubic "Amor" as a mail carrier, running above the globe. A total of 300,000 copies of this stamp in sheets of fifty was released March 5 and became valid for postage March 10.

BELGIUM—Joseph Ernest Van Roey, Belgium's Roman Catholic primate, consecrating the Basilica of Sacre-Couer at Kokelberg, is shown on an 8fr. plus 4fr. gray violet stamp, according to Kent B. Stiles. Other values are: 1.75fr. plus 25c., and 4fr. plus 2fr.

DENMARK—A rescue scene will feature the 25 ore, red, Sea Rescue Institution stamp, to be issued March 26, according to Thorsten Ingeloff.

SWEDEN—This country's preference for coils and booklets has been clearly manifest in quantities of the King Gustaf type stamps, made available through Thorsten Ingeloff. In the case of the 5 ore value, for example, there were 415,196,700 copies perforated on two sides, 116,337,000 perforated on three sides and only 32,130,000 perforated on all four sides.

This proportion held true for most other values in the series where comparison was possible, but most—in the higher denominations—were prepared for coil use only.

It is noted that the Olavus Petri stamps, due April 19, will comprise 25 ore, gray, in coils and booklets and 140 ore, dark green, for coils only. The design will represent a preacher, from a woodcut in Olavus Petri's own prayer book from the early part of 1500.

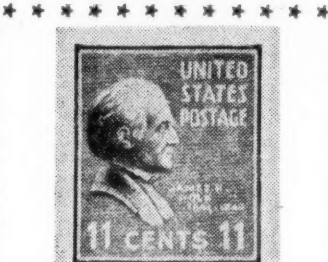
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FASCINATION
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its use of philatelic propaganda. The first two examples, however, will be from Western Germany. One shows the regular cancellations used much of the time during the famous airlift of 1948 and 1949. The German term was: Airbridge, or Luftbrücke. In connection with the date cancellation, there was an oblong which showed four planes, with text: "Luftbrücke—Berlin."

Another common airlift cancellation is also an oblong, with a broken circle in the center. Inside an inner circle is the German bear, surrounded by a broken chain. One plane is shown flying through the breaks, and the text reads: (in translation) "Buy from Blockaded Berlin." (See illustration page 6, top right item).

Other cancellations include: Advocacy of the Two-Year Plan for East Germany, and a picture of two clean-cut youngsters, a boy and a girl, with text: "FDJ, 3. Parlament der Jugend." The initials stand for the Communist-backed organization, Free German Youth, and the cancellation is propaganda to play up the Third Parliament of Youth.

Another has on the cover the stamp which ballyhooed a related event—Scott 10N47—with imprint in black over the red stamp: "3. Deutscher Volkskongress—29-30 Mai 1949." The cancellation is dated May 15, 1949—10, and the text urges all to vote "Ja" on the 15th, and 16th of May, for Peace. (See illustration page 6, bottom left item).

Then comes a cover with an outsize red stamp, on which is depicted Stalin, with Wilhelm Pieck, president of the "German Democratic Republic"—that, as you might guess, is the Soviet-dominated East Zone. Both stamp and cancellation inform the world that they are celebrating the "Month of German-Soviet Friendship,"—under date of December 1, 1951. (See illustration page 6, bottom right item).

Just mention of one more and this, which is an East Zone-West Zone combination, is one of my favorites. It is a postcard, with a 10pf. imprinted stamp of Wilhelm Pieck, Scott type OS9. The upper left corner helps to make up a conventional picture postcard, and shows the famous Brandenburg Gate in Berlin. The card comes from a young man in the East Zone, writing to a "Frau Ulla Schulz" in the Western sector of Berlin. The East Zone caption under the Gate reads: (in translation) "Berlin Was, Is and Will again Be the Capital of all Germany."

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GERMAN PHILATELIC

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this story is told in its stamps.
During the height of the infla-
tion period, from 1922 to 1923,
about one hundred and twenty-
five different values came into
use, ranging from the 5pf. to the
astounding sum of fifty billion
marks, valued in our currency at
\$11,900,000,000! Then the bubble
burst!

Soon afterwards one would find
these stamps of the inflation
period in cheap packets contain-
ing large blocks and even sheets
of them. Today the interested
collector must search a little more
diligently to complete a collection
of this period mint, and scratch
deeper than that to find them
postally used.

Following the inflation period,
Germany again returned to her
policy of keeping her postal issues
in a fairly low monetary class,
so their issues are within the
reach of the modest collector.
This, coupled with the beautiful
workmanship, and the fascinating
history depicted on their stamps,
has all contributed to the popu-
larity of this country.

Out of this unrest rose the man
who was destined to again plunge
the world into another great war
—Adolph Hitler! The Third Reich
took its place in history in 1933,
and the issues of this period show
the rise of Nazism and the events
leading to World War II, and an-
other page of history shows in
stamps.

Many of the issues of war-time
Germany bear the portrait of the
Dictator, Hitler. In 1945 with the
end of the war with Germany,
the issues of postwar Germany
made their appearance under the
Allied Occupation Forces. Many
collectors find an interesting field
of specialization in these Post-
War issues with their many and
varied overprints, and the numer-
ous local issues.

In 1919 Germany issued her
first semipostals, and to date has
issued over three hundred of
these alone. This phase of Ger-
man philately has a great appeal
to the younger collectors. The
year 1919 also saw the first issue
of German airmail stamps, and
some of the Zeppelin issues of
1928-33 rank among the higher
catalogued German stamps. The
other airmail issues fall into the
lower price field.

Many collectors of the stamps
of Germany are also interested in
those of her colonies. At the out-
set of World War I, Germany's
colonial territory occupied more
than 1,200,000 square miles with
a population of 12,000,000. These
colonies were for the most part
on the African continent. As
German possessions, they were
assigned to the victors through
the war settlements.

Other interesting sidelines in
Germany philately are the occu-
pation stamps and the covers of
the two World Wars with their
varied war and censorship mark-
ings. Germany has also provided
the cover enthusiast with many
interesting cancellations and postal
markings for various events of
the day. The collecting of their
tete beche and set-tenant pairs of
stamps offers another very inter-
esting field for the collector.

The postal stationery collector

has not been neglected either. He
can form a very interesting col-
lection of the varied pictorial gov-
ernment post cards. The semi-
postals of Germany offer many
items of interest for the topical
collector. Among the many top-
ics covered one finds ships, horses,
music and sports. Truly one may
say that German philately covers
a wide field, and has an appeal
for anyone interested in stamps.

The Germany Philatelic Society
offers many benefits of value to
the collector, and caters to the
general collector who likes the
stamps of Germany, as well as to
the specialist in stamps of this
country. They have a translation
service for those members who
have letters or smaller articles,
written in German, which they
wish to have translated, and a
service for the expertizing of the
classics.

The bulletin, which is called
"THE GERMAN POSTAL SPE-
CIALIST," of course is of interest
to all members. It is issued
monthly with the exception of
July and August, and back issues
are available at a cost of 25c each.
The editing of this bulletin is in
the able hands of August O.
Busch.

Under the direction of the Li-
brarian, Ben Parnell, a Library
service is offered to the members,
whereby such publications as are
issued in Europe and the United
States, which contain matter per-
taining to German philately, are
available through a monthly loan
service.

The Society also offers a Sales
and Exchange Department, which
is under the capable direction of
Wolfgang Fritzsche. Many items
of interest may be secured
through these circuits, or any
member may dispose of their sur-
plus material through the same
channels.

Additional details relative to
membership in the club can be
secured from club secretary, Fred
A. Gubler, P. O. Box 224, Roches-
ter 1, N. Y.

GERMAN CATALOGS

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the month or period during which
the various stamps of a set were
issued.

Another related feature, very im-
portant to the students of cancella-
tions and postal history, is that
German catalogs usually list the
period of validity of an issue.

European stamps, unlike U. S.
issues, seldom are valid as postage
more than a few years, often for
much less time, as they are fre-
quently "demonetized," especially
following each substantial change
in valuation of currency of the
country due to periods of econom-
ic stress such as wars, inflation,
deflation, etc.

Another feature typical of
prominent German catalogs, and
lacking in Scott, is the listing of
the names of engravers, designers,
and artists involved in preparing
the stamps. It may be that Scott
occasionally mentions these, but
if so, we have yet to see, such
listing therein.

Yet another feature concerning
which we must grant preference
to most German catalogs is in
regard to the explanatory nota-
tions, drawings and "blown-up"
photos accompanying catalog list-
ings. In this respect we are gen-
erally pleased with Scott so far
as it goes, but the German cata-
logs usually go much further,
often giving a highly-detailed ac-
count of various issues. As men-
tioned, Kricheldorf is outstanding
in this respect.

Also, German catalogs seem
to take a more realistic attitude
in preparing their compilations.
For example, the pricings are
considerably nearer the actual
market value of the stamps listed
than are those of Scott.

And again, most German and
other European catalogs append
warning notes calling attention to
several postal issues having the
destructive sulfur-bearing gum,
which upon contact with moisture
or humidity becomes of a highly
acidic nature, literally rotting or
"burning" away the paper with
which it is coated.

Most notable of these issues are
the Ostropa sheet (Scott B68) and
the two Hindenburg airmails
(Scott C57-58). Deterioration of
these items is extremely rapid if
the gum is not removed, particu-
larly if exposed to continuous
high humidity.

The paper first begins to turn
brown, becoming darker and
darker and ever more brittle, until
finally the paper tears and shat-
ters at the touch. We have seen
a case of the Ostropa sheet where
the acidic quality of the gum has
"eaten" entirely through the
heavy watermark which this sheet
bears, and which, being pressed
thinner than the remainder of the

sheet, is apparently more suscep-
tible to destruction.

Following through with realism,
Michel in listing the Ostropa
sheet now adds the notation that
the prices quoted are for "well-
preserved items, and for unused
specimens WITHOUT gum."

Even the well known Swiss
catalog, Zumstein, follows its
listing of the Ostropa sheet with
the notation that "prices for un-
used items are for those either
with OR WITHOUT gum!"

Remarkably few American col-
lections contain copies of the Hin-
denburg airmails with the paper
in white and unblemished condi-
tion. And DON'T let anyone tell
you that the paper of these
stamps was originally brown in
color; there are indeed much
whiter papers than that on which
the Hindenburgs were printed,
but withal the original color of
the paper of these stamps was
WHITE and NOT brown.

However, due to the quality of
the gum very few "white paper"
copies are now in existence, so
don't be too finicky if a dealer
offers you stamps which are some-
what brownish in color, as if the
gum is immediately removed no
further deterioration will take
place, and you will by no means
be unique among collectors lack-
ing these items with paper of
pristine whiteness. In fact you
may count yourself among the
great majority if

THIS MONTH'S HIGHLIGHTS

Brit. Guiana new perf. 36c (1) ...	3.30
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Ceylon new 36c Star Orchid (1)11
Ceylon new Colombo Plan (2)08
Egypt new Kingdom set (3)35
Egypt same miniature sheet (1)50
Grenada new Postage Dues (4)15
Jamaica Boy Scout Jamboree (2)19
Kenya, Uganda & Tanganyika	
Royal Visit (2)40
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220	30.00	23.00	562	60.00	45.00
230	30.00	21.00	563	35.00	35.00
231	35.00	32.00	565	45.00	33.00
246	45.00	26.00	577	30.00	25.00
248	50.00	36.00	581	40.00	32.00
286	55.00	37.00	585	60.00	35.00
294	45.00	36.00	587	35.00	27.00
295	50.00	35.00	588	30.00	29.00
301	40.00	30.00	590	35.00	25.00
319	50.00	31.00	618	27.00	22.00
323	75.00	48.00	620	65.00	48.00
324	45.00	42.00	622	60.00	36.00
327	40.00	35.00	623	55.00	36.00
370	56.00	38.00	628	70.00	38.00
375	30.00	22.00	629	35.00	22.00
377	90.00	46.00	631	65.00	46.00
397	41.00	31.00	644	28.00	21.00
398	41.00	28.00	647	35.00	28.00
400a	770.00	550.00	650	38.00	26.00
452	20.00	24.00	690	45.00	37.00
482	30.00	21.00	693	75.00	52.00
499a	63.00	58.00	697	85.00	46.00
501a	45.00	32.00	672	75.00	41.00
503	80.00	68.00	692	45.00	30.00
506	35.00	31.00	693	40.00	31.00
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2	03 .03	63	03 .03	118	02 .02
3	02 .02	64	02 .02	119	01 .01
4	02 .02	65	02 .02	120	01 .01
5	04 .04	66	02 .02	121	02 .02
6	04 .04	67	02 .02	123	03 .03
7	04 .04	68	02 .02	124	06 .06
8	04 .04	69	02 .02	125	03 .03
9	04 .04	70	01 .01	127	02 .02
10	04 .04	71	04 .04	129	02 .02
11	04 .04	72	04 .04	131	02 .02
12	04 .04	73	04 .04	132	02 .02
13	10 .10	74	04 .04	133	02 .02
14	12 .12	75	04 .04	134	02 .02
15	15 .15	76	04 .04	135	02 .02
16	15 .15	77	04 .04	136	02 .02
17	15 .15	78	04 .04	137	08 .08
18	12 .12	79	04 .04	138	08 .08
19	04 .04	80	04 .04	139	08 .08
20	03 .03	81	12 .12	140	08 .08
21	04 .04	82	04 .04	141	08 .08
22	10 .10	83	04 .04	142	08 .08
23	10 .10	84	04 .04	143	08 .08
24	10 .10	85	04 .04	144	08 .08
25	15 .15	86	04 .04	145	08 .08
26	15 .15	87	04 .04	146	08 .08
27	15 .15	88	04 .04	147	08 .08
28	15 .15	89	04 .04	148	08 .08
29	15 .15	90	04 .04	149	08 .08
30	15 .15	91	04 .04	150	08 .08
31	15 .15	92	04 .04	151	08 .08
32	15 .15	93	04 .04	152	08 .08
33	15 .15	94	04 .04	153	08 .08
34	15 .15	95	04 .04	154	08 .08
35	15 .15	96	04 .04	155	08 .08
36	15 .15	97	04 .04	156	08 .08
37	15 .15	98	04 .04	157	08 .08
38	15 .15	99	04 .04	158	08 .08
39	15 .15	100	04 .04	159	08 .08
40	15 .15	101	04 .04	160	08 .08
41	15 .15	102	04 .04	161	08 .08
42	15 .15	103	04 .04	162	08 .08
43	15 .15	104	04 .04	163	08 .08
44	15 .15	105	04 .04	164	08 .08
45	15 .15	106	04 .04	165	08 .08
46	15 .15	107	04 .04	166	08 .08
47	15 .15	108	04 .04	167	08 .08
48	15 .15	109	04 .04	168	08 .08
49	15 .15	110	04 .04	169	08 .08
50	15 .15	111	04 .04	170	08 .08
51	15 .15	112	04 .04	171	08 .08
52	15 .15	113	04 .04	172	08 .08
53	15 .15	114	04 .04	173	08 .08
54	15 .15	115	04 .04	174	08 .08
55	15 .15	116	04 .04	175	08 .08
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63-72	2.22		222-84	1.00	1.00	B23-27		2.00	2.25
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77-80	1.80	1.80	233-37	.75	.90				
106-12	.35	.35	238-40	.40	.50	C1-3		.45	.45
117-26	.18	.18	241-54		1.50	C4-7		.17	.17
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